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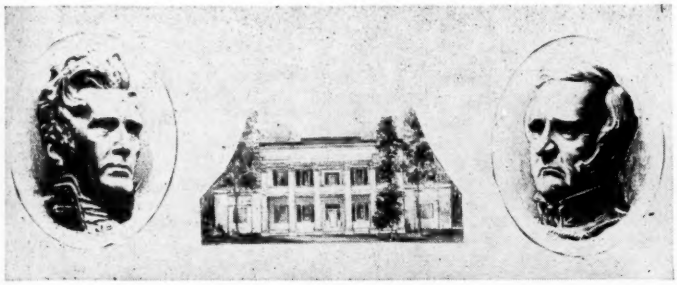
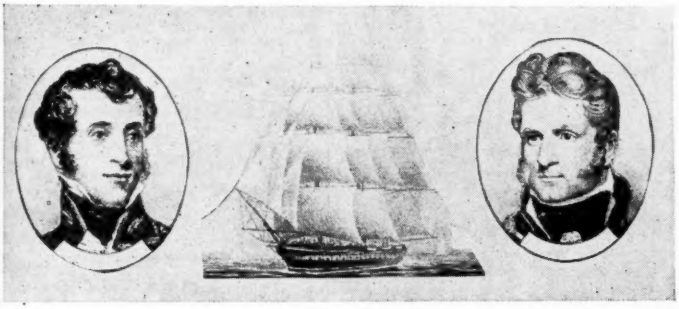
The Two Cents Army and Navy Stamp Designs

HEREWITH are reproductions from photographs, showing the pictures that go to make up the two cent stamps for the Army and Navy issue of January 15th.

In sending out prints of the 1c stamps in December, the Department sent pictures which had the frame and other details sketched in, showing the stamp in full likeness with omission of wording and figures. These prints show only the heads and center pictures.



The two cent Army design shows Andrew Jackson at the left and Winfield Scott at the right, between which is the Hermitage, historic home of Jackson at Nashville.



The two cent Navy design depicts Stephan Decatur at the left and Thomas MacDonough at the right, between which is a reproduction of a warship of that period under full sail.

These stamps will be issued at Washington, D. C., on Friday, January 15th. The 3c stamps of this series are to be issued in February, so previous announcement tells us.

It is to be noted by collectors who obtain first day covers that the design of the 3c Army stamp has been altered from showing pictures of Grant and Sherman only, to include also a picture of Sheridan.

Historically correct envelopes should include all three pictures.

Chewing The Rag

By Capt. A. C. Townsend

WELL, Fred, I've come over for that argument you promised to give me, so let's get at it. I'm a new collector and you are an old and experienced one, so perhaps I shouldn't argue as to what to collect. Ought to just take your word for it and go ahead on your ideas, but I *do* want to know the *why* of things and be convinced about a thing before I change. You said I was starting all wrong. Why?

Fair enough, Fred. We'll argue a bit. What have you begun collecting?

You know well enough; 20th Century mint blocks.

All right. Now why?

Well, a fellow can't collect everything. I had to start on something and mint blocks seemed to be mighty popular as well as handsome. I felt I could make a complete collection of them and have a first class investment at the same time.

I see. But why do you say a fellow can't collect everything?

Why, great Scott! There are a lot of old U. S. that I never could buy in any condition, good or bad. Some of them are out of reach of my pocketbook and others are not to be had, even if one has the money to buy.

Well, doesn't the same thing apply to your 20th Century mint blocks, Fred? Do you expect to get blocks of the Pan-Americans with inverted centers? Or the first $5 Marshall? Or the minor perforation varieties of the 2c Shield of 1903? Or the bluish papers of 1909, or the 1c No. 594? I'm just mentioning a few of the 20th Century rarities.

No, of course I'll never be able to get all those things.

All right. Then you admit that you *can't* make a complete collection of the 20th Century mint blocks. Then why

not take up something a lot more interesting?

What do you mean, more interesting?

Wait a minute, Fred. I want to lay more groundwork for a lecture first. Why haven't you taken up any foreign countries?

Because I'm told there are some 75,000 varieties of foreign stamps, with only one known copy of one of them, and a lot more that run to thousands of dollars a copy. That's why. So I decided to stick to my own country and only collect something where I can come somewhere near getting a complete line. See?

Yep, I see. Now get ready for a speech. You have not become a philatelist in any sense of the word, and never will be one if you keep on the way you have started. You are just a stamp collector, and I'm not sure you are even that. More likely you are just a speculator who will be rubbing his hands and gloating every time a new catalog comes out. Probably in the back of your head you are figuring on selling your stamps at some future date and buying a home in Florida or California and then bragging to your friends on how you did it. "I just put away some stamps for a number of years and then sold them for twenty times what they cost me and bought this little place." I can just see your smug satisfaction in telling about it!

I'm *not* a speculator, durn you! I'm making the collection for pleasure. I'll admit I'll be glad to see the stamps go up in value from year to year, but I don't believe there is a collector living who doesn't feel that way. Is there?

No, I guess you're right there. A fellow naturally likes to check up and see that he has good judgment, but a real philatelist doesn't think *first* of the value of his stamps. There are a lot of things that come ahead of that.

What, for instance? Shoot the works.

No, let's get back to the original point of discussion. You are missing most of the pleasure of stamp collecting. You don't know what it is all about. You are so busy looking at the forest that you can't see the trees. Here is a better way of putting it. You have a grand novel in your hands: it has a glorious idea, is exciting and beautifully written, and instead of reveling in its beauty you are turning over to the back to see how it comes out!

Here's what I mean. Why do we have stamps? When did they come into use? How did the early ones compare with the present ones in engraving and beauty? Why is it so hard to get centered copies of our early stamps, and so on, and so on. Do you see what I mean?

I get a glimmering, I guess. England put out the first stamps, didn't she?

There you are! You haven't even read the first chapter; just have a hazy idea about it. Yes, England did, and many philatelists still claim that the Penny Black is the most beautiful stamp ever issued, and the finest piece of engraving, with the Tuppence Blue, issued at the same time, running it a close second. Personally I prefer the Dollar Omaha. Well, let's call it off for tonight and go on from here next week.

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Death of J. Delano Bartlett

Another one of the picturesque and old time stamp collectors has passed to the great beyond. J. Delano Bartlett died of heart failure while leaving his auto at his home. Mr. Bartlett was 67 years old, one of the early members of the A. P. S., his number being 341. He formerly resided at Springfield, Mass., but has for many years past been a resident of El Paso, Texas, where he was Honorary Member Number 1 of the El Paso Stamp Club.

He also holds the distinction of having been the first president of this club in 1915.

News of his death came as a shock for at almost the same time a letter came from Mr. Bartlett, mailed on December 24th and telling of the activities of the El Paso Stamp Club and enclosing the club program for the coming year.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Bartlett attributes much of the success of the local club to the fact that it is a rule of the club that new officers must be elected each year, that is, the offices must be filled by different members. To this fact he attributes the success of the club and states that attendance is usually over 80%.

Mr. Bartlett is of the old time school of collectors and collected "everything," so he stated. He was especially interested in tax paids and state revenues and was an authority on these issues.

He leaves a widow, a son and a grandson.

Brundige's Contest

Mr. J. Merritt Brundige of Albany, N. Y., recently held a prize contest which was advertised in this and other philatelic publications. The contest was for coloring a map and a prize of a set of British Jubilees of the 62 issues was offered. Mr. Arthur Deas of the Collectors Club of New York, acted as judge in the contest and the first prize has been awarded to Mr. F. B. Heiss of Kenmore, N. Y. Several minor awards were sent to the next few best entries. While it was announced that the maps entered would not be returned, Mr. Brundige wishes to announce that if contestants will send return postage that their maps will be returned to them if desired.

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BY CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND

THE Washington Star recently had an interview with the President's wife, in which she said he often took his stamps to bed with him and got rested for sleep by working over them and "cutting the stamps off covers from the State Department."

That article met the writer's eye, and what a jolt it gave him and his memory. Many years ago HE was getting those State Dept. covers, or the stamps from them, rather, as no one saved foreign covers in those days. And he has often moaned and told the story of his lack of foresight at that time. Here it is:

He was a kid in high school. His father was a War Dept. official. The kid collected stamps enthusiastically, and used to prowl around the different Departments on Saturdays and hunt for stamps. Over in the Treasury Dept. he got a friendly clerk who would give him actual bunches and blocks of the 1 Peso Uruguay No. 43a, now listed at $5 a copy. From a colored messenger in another Department he used to buy a paper sack of stamps week after week, haggling manfully over the price, and then swapping the lot to a dealer for U. S. needed for his collection.

Finally one day he hunted up the gentleman who opened up the State Dept. mail. The picture is still vivid. That angel stood at a high sloping desk covered with letters, big bulky ones, many of them, and slitted the envelopes and put the contents in various baskets to go their respective ways. The desk had a drawer running clear across it. The drawer was open a crack and into it he was pushing the envelopes.

Being asked in the writer's most winning way for some "foreign stamps," he pulled the drawer wider open, showed a lot of loose stamps at the other end that had been cut from the envelopes in spare time, and said, "See if there are any there that you want."

Suffering cats! That drawer was a gold mine!! With a heart beating almost to suffocation I waded in and hastily picked out as many stamps as it seemed possible to get away with without being called down. The gentleman was warmly thanked and I beat it down stairs and to the corridor outside father's office to look the loot over carefully.

There were stamps from many countries, and many high values at that, but what stands out most clearly in memory is the number of copies of the first 6d. and 1s. Gibraltar surcharged on the English stamps. Instinct had made me gobble several of each, though I had never seen them before. I can't remember the catalog value then, but it was high enough so that when I took one of each down to a dealer he agreed to give me 75c in U. S. stamps for the pair, and would take as many as I could bring him. Zowie!

For the next three or four weeks I visited the kind gentleman regularly, lugging off more Gibraltars and other good stamps, and my collection was building up beautifully. Then, getting afraid of riding a willing horse to death and being turned down as a nuisance, I asked the bonanza king if I couldn't do him any return favor. He then said that he was just a little interested in U. S. stamps and would be glad to take any duplicates I might have. Crafty questioning brought out the fact that he was just a beginner and knew practically nothing about stamps. Duck soup!

Week after week, I would go back with an angelic smile, hand him a dollar's worth of U. S. that I had swapped some of his own stamps for, and then wade into that desk drawer and go off with ten dollars worth of good stuff. I am telling the absolute truth when I say that I would get those two Gibs. by the dozen, often in pairs and blocks, and that before the summer was over I had gotten at least 150 copies of each of them.

In telling the story to stamp clubs I have often spoken of the value of foresight, and tried to picture my having had sense enough to put away 100 copies of each of those stamps, mounting them carefully in a little book, sealing it and laying it away, not to be opened until I reached the retirement age, say sixty-five. Those two stamps now list at $12 and $30, a total of $4,200. They would not fetch full catalog, but I was careful about fine copies even in those days, and with the pairs and blocks they would

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That winter I got into other things and activities, then finished up high school and went off on business, so never got back to that old drawer. And now I read that President Roosevelt is having all those covers sent over to him and is sitting up nights clipping the stamps off. Dear, dear! I am willing to bet they are worth $5,000 a year to him, if the contents are anything like what they were in my day.

Perhaps It Is Just An "Old Spanish Custom"

The following extract from a letter from Messrs. G. F. Rapkin of London is self-explanatory and needs no comment on our part. We quote:

"There has been a great deal of publicity in the Philatelic Press lately about our Customs Authorities refusing admission of the Scott Company's catalogues, because of the illustrations."

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"The post-office advised me of the receipt of a parcel today, which no doubt contained the sets of King Edward stamps I ordered from you recently. They claimed this was not "properly marked" and asked me to pay a penalty of 10% which I refused to do.

"The stamps are being returned to you, it being required that the wrapper in which the stamps are contained be marked 'England.'

"Of course, you and I agree that this is the silliest interpretation of Customs Laws one has ever heard of, and that such 'nutty' tactics should be perpetrated is beyond my understanding; but this is what they demand, so I am asking you to mark the wrappers as indicated and return them to me. You may also write 'England' on the margin of the sheets so as to forestall some further excuse in their effort to exact the 10% penalty."

"May we ask that you give the same publicity to this as you gave to the article quoted from Messrs. Harris' journal, 'Philatelic Magazine'."

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Error in Our Issue of Dec. 19th

On the back page of our issue of above date, in the advertisement of Arthur H. Chamberlain, Union of South Africa Jubilee stamps were priced at $2.50. This was an error on our part and should have been $12.50. We regret that we caused both Mr. Chamberlain and numerous of our readers inconvenience in this error.

Slogan Postmark Catalog

Collectors who are interested in Postmarks will doubtless find a copy of the "United States Slogan Postmark Catalog," compiled by Donald W. Tucker and published by Stephen G. Rich of Verona, N. J., of interest.

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Mr. Rapkin states that these mugs are much sought after as souvenirs of a coronation that was to be. New mugs are now being prepared for the coronation of King George VI. The mug shows a profile of King Edward which follows the same detail and lines of that used on the postage stamps which have been so popular, beautifully decorated in colors and appropriately inscribed. Surely a souvenir which anyone can feel proud of and our thanks go to Messrs. Rapkin for their kindness in remembering us and helping instill a bit more cheer into our New Year Celebration.

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Editor's Comment

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According to a recent article in the *New York Sun*, the government of Finland, through its Postoffice department, sold some 35 tons of stamps at auction on November 17, last.

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The abdication of King Edward has upset stamp news the world over. We have just received a news letter from Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co., of Dunedin, New Zealand, most of which deals with proposed new issues and stamp changes woven around King Edward and the Coronation which was to be. This letter was mailed from New Zealand before Edward abdicated and now, of course, the news is killed, and it is best to omit it and avoid confusion. Perhaps, however, plans which have been laid for new stamps with Edward the central figure will be carried out with a shift to King George.

TENNESSEE COLLECTORS

This week, we are mailing a sample copy of this paper to a large list of stamp collectors in the state of Tennessee. We are indebted to our good friend, Mr. Dale L. Wilson of Louisville, Ky., for a large list of names of stamp collectors in that state and we are glad to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Wilson for the list and to call the attention of this group of collectors to our publication. We trust that those of you who read this copy and who are not already on our subscription list, will note the fact that the subscription price of this publication is but 25c per year and that for this small sum you can receive this paper every week for a whole year.

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ILLUSTRATING U. S. STAMPS

Mr. W. P. Campbell, stamp editor of the Vancouver Evening Columbian, brings forth some interesting points as regards the illustration of U. S. Stamps.

Mr. Campbell wished to show an enlarged picture or photograph of the Oregon Territory stamp in an exhibit which he was making at a stamp show.

He first wrote Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, inquiring what he could do about making a picture of the stamp.

Under date of August 24th, Mr. Campbell received a letter from Assistant Attorney General McMahon stating that the letter had been referred to the post office department.

Under date of September 5th, Third Assistant Postmaster General C. B. Eilenberger wrote Mr. Campbell and sent him a copy of the law relative to illustrations of stamps, and referred Campbell's letter to the Secret Service.

Under date of September 17, Mr. Campbell wrote the Secret Service and inquired as to just what he could do under the law as regards making a picture of the stamp.

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cret Service Agent in charge at Seattle, Washington, who again sent Mr. Campbell a copy of the law which he said "states very clearly just what is permissible in the reproduction of both foreign and domestic stamps."

Not satisfied with this reply, Mr. Campbell wrote Mr. Jarrell and asked four questions that could be answered with a yes or no.

On October 2, 1936, Mr. Jarrell replied, answering one question and stating that "only our U. S. Attorneys are authorized to interpret the law, if not satisfied call on the U. S. Attorney at Portland."

This Mr. Campbell did and one of the deputies, after looking over the correspondence, finally said, "If we would cut out the words United States Postage at the bottom it would be within the law."

Thus, after much effort, Mr. Campbell finally finds out that United States Attorneys are "authorized to interpret the law." The United States Attorney at Portland, Oregon, told Mr. Campbell that if he would eliminate the words "United States Postage" from the picture he wished to make that it would be permissible to make pictures of the stamps with this elimination.

Perhaps this, then, will solve our troubles, or as is usual when one plays "Passing the Buck," will some U. S. Attorney who ranks a step higher than the Portland Attorney declare that ruling incorrect and will the matter have to be gone over again until there can finally be a statement from the United States Attorney General, which could have been made in reply to the first letter Mr. Campbell wrote, rather than pass the letter down the line and let it finally wind up before a United States Attorney?

Certainly Attorney General Cummings knew, or should have known, that "United States Attorneys are authorized to interpret the law."

Anyhow, on the authority of the U. S. Attorney at Portland, the Vancouver Evening Columbian for December 14th, prints a two column cut of the Oregon stamp with the words "United States Postage" deleted.

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We are not in position to point our fingers at any certain party, but in the past, a party in California was guilty of creating varieties of dedication covers and these have the earmarks of his work. If such is the case, we will expose him on this racket when we secure all of our facts but until then, we will withhold any names.

Thanks to our many friends for the kind greeting cards.

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Twelve days was the time that it took to send a shipment of Procaine to the Pretoria hospital, Pretoria, South Africa, from Chicago. So far it is believed to be the first aerial shipment from the U. S. to South Africa. The shipment was placed aboard a mail plane for New York, connected with the Hindenburg, flown from Germany to London and from London to Paris, trained to Brindisi, Italy, and flown to Johannesburg, Pretoria being a short distance away. Postage with its unusual array of stamps amounted to about $28.00. The Procaine is used by dentists in extracting teeth.

What a wonderful thing the airmail has proven to be in aiding science, and other walks of life. The above shipment by ordinary mail would have taken about 45 days by ordinary boat service.

St. Joseph, Mo., has set no dedication date for their airport but the C. of C. promise to hold covers, saying they have a good number on hand. . . . C. of C., Winona, Minn., says no dedication on July 26, only that of administration building. . . . Mason City, Wash., airport not completed, covers no good for July 9 and 10. . . . Ellsworth, Me., no dedication on June 26, says C. of C. . . . Belle Fouche, S. D., not dedicated, says P. M.

Covers for resumption of air mail service from West Palm Beach, Fla., arrived dated Dec. 19. Cachet by Jr. C. of C. with additional map cachet on back saying dedication of Morrison Field on the same date. . . . Cover from Dayton, Ohio, with Orville Wright's autograph, one of 25 so mailed, dated on Dec. 17 for 33rd anniversary of Wright's first flight and for first transcontinental air service. Supposed to have been the dedication of Dayton's airport but covers are still out on it. The above courtesy of the Dayton Stamp Club. . . . Cover from J. N. Lawrence says "No postage available, Collect on delivery, signed by Colonel, Fourth Marine Corps" no postmark. . . . Other covers from Dr. Hutnick for President's tour on Nov. 30 and Dec. 15, and for decommissioning of the USS Upshur on Dec. 21.

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644	2c Burgoyne	1.40	.35	.25
645	2c Valley Forge	.40	.10	.03
646	2c Molly Pitcher	.40	.10	.09
647	2c Hawaii	.90	.20	.15
648	5c Hawaii	2.10	.50	.50
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650	5c Aeronautics	1.00	.25	.20
651	2c Clark	.40	.10	.06
654	2c Edison flat	.32	.08	.06
655	2c Edison Rot.	.60	.15	.02
656	2c Edison Coil		.16	.02
657	2c Sullivan	.28	.07	.03
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681	2c Ohio Canal	.30	.07	.04
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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC — Pan-American Peace Conference Commemorative. Upright rectangular format. Wmkd., R.A. in Sun, mult. Perf. 13x13½. Central design is a group of flags presumably to represent the massed flags of all the Nations attending the Conference. A shield is in front of the flags on which is appropriate wording:

10c. carmine

(A. H. Davis)

First day covers are at hand from both Mr. Davis and Mr. A. H. Spanton, dated December 1, 1936. Mr. Spanton informs us that two million copies were issued and that they will remain on sale until sold out.

Gibbons' Stamp Monthly reports that Scott's #427, about which we commented in our notes of Nov. 14, 1936, is to be withdrawn now according to an official announcement.

Official Stamps. Additional overprints to those previously noted: Overprinted "M.A."—1c. buff; "M.G."—1c. buff; 2c. dark brown; 3c. green; "M.H."—2c. dark brown; 5c. yellow-brown; "M.M."—2c. dark brown; 15c. slate-blue; 1P. brown-black & light blue.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

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30gr. plus 30 gr. lake (Josef Werndl—1831/89)
40gr. plus 40gr. gray (Karl Freih Auer v Welsbach—1903)
60gr. plus 60gr. deep purple-blue (Robert v Lieben—1906)
64gr. plus 64gr. myrtle (Viktor Kaplan—1912)

(R. Roberts)

DENMARK—Semi-Postal Stamps. Three values of 5, 10 and 15 ore, to be sold at a premium of 5 ore above their face values, are due for issue this month to commemorate the Dybbel Mill in South Jutland. The premium will be devoted to the H. P. Hansen Memorial Fund. Hansen was a statesman who did much for South Jutland, the territory regained by Denmark as a result of the World War.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

EGYPT — Anglo-Egyptian Treaty Commemoratives. Three values have been issued in honor of this event and it is reported that the design shows the actual signing of the Treaty in the Locarno Hall in the British Foreign Office on August 26, 1936. Mr. Anthony Eden, it is said, is shown in the picture, tho it remains to be seen if the picture brings him out in enough detail as to be identified. Values and quantities follow: 5m.—500,000; 15m. & 20m.—200,000 each.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Army Post Stamp. Required for the Army Forces in mailing their Christmas greetings. Same as the latest issue of the 10 mills Army Post stamp with portrait of King Fuad, but different color:

3m. green

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

New Modified Design. Another value to go with those noted Dec. 19th. Wmkd. crown and crescent, perf. 14:

15m. deep brown-purple

(R. Roberts)

GERMANY—The following stamps have been demonetized: Scott's Catalogue Nos. 448 to 468 and 1114 to 1131. This took place on December 31st.

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

GREAT BRITAIN—Postage Due Stamps. Type as before, horizontal format, small, new wmkd. E8R. Typograph printing:

5d. pale brown
1s. blue

(R. Roberts)

Offices in Morocco. Under-noted overprinted for use in the Spanish Zone. Both values overprinted are the King George V, photogravure stamps:

20c. on 2d. red-orange
40c. on 4d. olive

(R. Roberts & Whitfield, King & Co.)

Offices in Morocco. Error. This error has been listed by Gibbons' catalog as a major variety. We shall endeavor to run a full news article on same in an early issue of the paper, watch for it; Variety occurred on printing for use in the French Zone; Error is "a" noted below:

5c. on ½d. green
a. Bar through "Postage."

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

JAPAN—New Year Stamp. Heralded in our notes of January 2nd. Perf. 13x13½; wmkd. vertical wavy lines:

1½ sen. carmine (Futamigaura Rocks)

(Karl Lewis)

Husband & Wife Rocks

The New Year Stamp of 1937 for Japan will feature the two rocks of Futamigauru. These rocks are in the bay off Ise, not far from the Temples of Ise, the most sacred temples of the Japanese Empire. The rocks are not large, the larger being only about six or seven feet above high tide, and the smaller one much less. They are bound together by a very thick rice-straw rope, as they are very close to each other. A popular name for these rocks, which are found in song and story in Japan, is "MIYOTO IWA," which may be translated as "Husband and Wife rocks." "Iwa" is Japanese for rock. Readers will remember that last year the greeting cards featured the rat. The animal of this Japanese Zodiacal Year, 1937, is the Ox and most of the greeting cards this time will feature the Ox. The Postmaster General announced that last January (1936) over three hundred million such cards were passed thru the mails.

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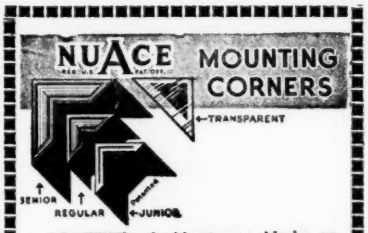

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NEW BUREAUS DEC. 21, 1936

Alton, Ill. No. 71 1c ord.
Detroit, Mich. No. 88a 20c up (error)
Seattle, Wash. No. 81 10c ord.
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—Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

Well, that's settled, the 20c Detroit we spoke of last week is truly an error, or will it be a precedent for others of the horizontal shaped stamps to be printed in this manner? I have often wondered why it was not as easy to print the high value bureaus reading up as reading down. As to this so called error one can only wonder if there is enough of these to supply the demand and what the price will be. If further printings come reading up then the price will be low, but if this is the only printing then look out.

COMMEMORATIVE BAN

Another ban on precancelling commemoratives has been issued. This is not by far the first time this sort of an edict has been broadcast to PMs. but this is the first time I have ever known of the Big Wigs to order in the commems on hand that have been precancelled. Somehow I feel that they are going to try to make this order stick this time. You know it was the same way with the postage dues. Rumors persisted over two years about the shutting off of overprinting the dues, until they finally made it a go. Just what such an order will really mean to precancel collectors and dealers only time will tell.

ETHICS

I cannot help but smile as I gaze over the various ads of the respected and honored precancel dealers as they advertise their wares in the current issues of the various stamp publications. A single, a pair, gap pair or line pair can be had only for the small stipulated fee. Only the most fickle would believe that such complete stocks could be gathered from hither and yon. Those who know, know that to get such a stock, complete coils or sheets must be obtained in order to offer such an array of combinations of any one stamp. These of course are full gum which must be removed and which the boys now slyly wink at and call "bath tubbing." This, my friends, now is ETHICAL. Yet not over a dozen years ago when the same tactics were practiced in the general field it was debase, unethical, and nothing short of criminal practice to get city type commemorative or any other precancels for that matter with full gum, in full sheets and coils. A well known firm in those days who today are still in business, dealt extensively in commemorative precancels and obtained them in much the same manner as bureau prints are gotten today. For this they were roundly abused, yes even persecuted, yet today they can in the same manner, along with all their brother competitors, get bureau prints and sell them out unashamed to an eagerly waiting public. How vacillating, how utterly unfair can we, the collecting public, sometimes be.

NOTES

Burton Klein of Vincennes, Ind., sends me an Electric Eye item from Minden, Nev., in U-122 type.—Jerome Lapin of Jamaica, N. Y., informs me of an airmail item from Maryknoll, N. Y., on the 10c Blue. It comes all positions except double.—Robertson Stamp Co. of Nampa, Idaho, inform me that they have Airmails from Cascade, Idaho, on the 6c Winged Globe, also the 5c Beacon which is the red and blue stamp.

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Broadway Chatter

By Bi Stander

The latest news of the Edwards in New York. The Great Britain Edwards are coming out here and there are plenty to go around with the price getting within bounds, in fact at the modest price of 16 cents a set in some stamp places. The Morocco set including Tangier, consisting of 11 values, is a different matter. This set retails in New York today at $1.25. We hear that Moroccos, at least on some values, are being surcharged on Great Britain Fotogravure stamps of the Georgian issues.

The Jipex sheets of Australia are priced here as high as $5 a set, and we consider this too high though it is a fine set in sheets of two values. The price should go lower, we think. Philatelic sheets are becoming a specialty of a few dealers here and on the whole they sell like "hot-cakes."

The New York post office on Tuesday, December 22nd, 1936, handled 16,336,676 pieces of first class mail which is a new record. It seems the "Mail early" advice has been unheeded.

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There is a syndicate of New York speculators who are buying up all the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce mint sets they can lay their hands on. Many of the dealers here have been approached by the spokesman of this group, and we do not think that many sets have been picked up as yet here. From all indications we expect this set to continue on the upward path.

Now that Christmas is over, dealers here are looking forward to very fine business particularly after the first of the year. Last January there was a rush that was welcome and was the beginning of a business that continued up to about November. Many dealers reported a fine summer which was unusual, but for some reason or other November and December slowed down for many of the stamp men.

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Cachets for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays will be sponsored by A. Kaufman, 1604 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y., he advises me by letter. Usual forwarding is necessary. (M)

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J. N. Lawrence, our own "Lawrence of Asia," certainly perpetrated a dandy from his post in Regimental Hospital, 4th U. S. Marines, Shanghai, China. The maritime strike having tied up shipping, the postoffice could obtain no stamps. A provisional was fixed up and signed by the colonel of the regiment, bidding postmasters collect postage from the recipients. This was done and collectors remembered by Lawrence picked up an oddity that may never be repeated. Services such as this are what make the hobby fascinating.

A. Stein, 565 Saratoga Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes that he is sponsoring cachets for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. Covers at once and the usual forwarding postage. (M)

Mail clerks are receiving orders from the third assistant postmaster general, ordering them to cease forthwith the use of provisional and fancy cancels. Jimmie Allen of the Thrush interprets this to mean he can only use locations in his killer bars in future, and R. H. Holloway of the Richmond writes that the famous Richmond Rambler Type F has already gone out of commission.

Inasmuch as the postal department can kill the hobby, I suggest that every follower of navals write the third assistant postmaster general, Washington, D. C., and ask him to clarify his order on slogans in killer bars. Remember that only black, legal ink and the postoffice cancel is legitimate on the ships, so do not ask him to waive the rule on this. Merely try to get a broad interpretation on what may and may not go in killer bars. That will help the clerks and it will help us.

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